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1. I MET PRIVATELY WITH PRESIDENT MARCOS MORNING APRIL 25 IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO MEETING FOR FOREIGN POLICY COUNCIL WHICH HE HAD CONVENED TO DISCUSS US-PHILIPPINE SECURITY RELATIONS. MARCOS SAID HE WANTED ME TO UNDERSTAND THAT HE HAD MOVED ON THIS ISSUE IN ORDER TO PRECLUDE EVENTS "FROM GETTING OUT OF HAND." HE SAID THERE WERE ELEMENTS OF PANIC IN POPULAR PHILIPPINE REACTION TO EVENTS IN INDOCHINA AND HE WANTED TO BE SURE THESE WERE CONTAINED BY PRUDENT, DELIBERATE DISCUSSION IN ANY ORDERLY WAY.

2. HE SAID HE FELT HE SHOULD TELL ME CANDIDLY THAT MUCH OF THIS POTENTIAL PANIC CAME FROM PEOPLE READING U.S. PRESS AND FROM PUBLIC STATEMENTS OF PRESIDENT FORD AND SECRETARY KISSINGER. HE POINTED OUT THAT THEIR STATEMENTS HAD RAISED ISSUE OF U.S. CREDIBILITY IN COURSE OF THEIR CONTEXT WITH THE CONGRESS.

3. HE ALSO WANTED ME TO KNOW THAT HE WAS SINCERELY WORRIED BY THE MOOD IN THE U.S. CONGRESS. HE FEARED THERE WAS A MINDLESS ISOLATIONISM IN THE CURRENT MOOD WHICH COULD DAMAGE THE PHILIPPINE RELIANCE ON THE U.S. SECURITY COMMITMENT.

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AT THE SAME TIME, HE WANTED ME TO KNOW THAT HE PERSONALLY

FELT THE UNITED STATES SHOULD, AND PROBABLY WOULD, PLAY A CONTINUING CONSTRUCTIVE ROLE IN SOUTHEAST ASIA.

4. ONCE THE MOTIONS OF A PROFOUND DISCUSSION OF SECURITY POLICY ARE COMPLETED AND ONCE SOME OF THE INDOCHINA PANIC SETTLES DOWN, MARCOS SAID HE WANTED TO HAVE A LONG PRIVATE TALK WITH ME ABOUT THE WHOLE FUTURE OF OUR BASES AND THEIR RELATIONSHIP TO PHILIPPINE SECURITY, U.S. STRATEGY, AND SOUTHEAST ASIAN SELF-RELIANCE.

5. I TOLD MARCOS I WOULD WELCOME SUCH A DISCUSSION. I WOULD ALSO WELCOME ANY PARTICULAR GUIDANCE WASHINGTON MAY WISH TO PROVIDE ME IN ANTICIPATION OF SUCH A DISCUSSION.  
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